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## WARRANT FOR MARCH 3, 2012 ANNUAL TOWN MEETING

To Dianna Rollins, a resident of the Town of Solon in the County of Somerset:

In the name of the State of Maine, you are hereby required by law to notify and warn the inhabitants of the Town of Solon, qualified to vote in town affairs, to assemble at the Solon Elementary School on the 3rd day of March AD 2012 at eight o'clock in the forenoon, then and there, in accordance with the Revised Statutes of the State of Maine 1964, Title 30, Paragraph 2051 and seq. or as amended, to elect a moderator, and to transact all other business as enumerated in this Warrant.

For the election of officers, the polls will open immediately after the election of a Moderator, and will remain open until 12:15 PM. The Moderator will open absentee ballots at 10:00 AM on March 3, 2012. The transaction of other business as enumerated will begin at 1:30 PM.

Article 1: To choose a Moderator to preside at said meeting.

*Frank Ridley nominated Philip Roy. James Quimby seconded. Philip Roy elected moderator.*

Article 2: To open polls for election of Town Officials.

Nominated Candidates:

Selectman, three-year term: Mary Lou Ridley 196 votes

Road Commissioner: Ronald Giguere & Michael Foster

*Ronald Giguere 67 votes & Michael Foster 147 votes Michael Foster elected*

Town Clerk/Tax Collector: Barbara Maden 202 votes

Treasurer: Judith Robertson 199 votes

MSAD # 74 School Board Director, three-year term: Leslie Giroux 198 votes

Article 3: To see if the town will vote to take the following amount from the 2011 Surplus for overage in Cemeteries, \$886.88.

Selectmen and Budget Committee recommend Yes

*Gloria Padham motioned to accept as recommended, Michael Golden seconded. Motion passed 60-0.*

Article 4: To see if the town will vote to increase the property tax levy limit of \$471,742, established for the town of Solon by State law, in the event the municipal budget approved under the following articles will result in a tax commitment that is greater than that property tax levy limit.

Selectmen and Budget Committee recommend Yes

*Michael Sackett motioned to accept as recommended, Michael Golden seconded. Motion passed 52-6.*

Article 5: To see what sum of money the Town will raise and appropriate by taxation for GENERAL GOVERNMENT.

*Andy Davis motioned to accept as recommended, Michael Golden seconded.*

*Michael Golden motioned to amend Section 9 to \$4,000, Andy Davis seconded. Amendment passed 36-5. Motion passed 61-1.*

### 1. TOWN CHARGES

Selectmen and Budget Committee recommend \$14,000 plus fees

### 2. TOWN OFFICE UTILITIES

Selectmen and Budget Committee recommend \$3,400

### 3. TOWN OFFICE/MAINTENANCE

Selectmen and Budget Committee recommend \$2,000

4. TOWN OFFICE/SECURITY SYSTEM

Selectmen and Budget Committee recommend \$400

5. SCHOOLS, BOOKS & DUES

Selectmen and Budget Committee recommend \$3,500

6. MUNICIPAL OFFICERS SALARIES

Selectmen and Budget Committee recommend \$27,000 as follows:

Selectmen \$8,500.00 each

Chair additional \$1,000.00

Vice-Chair additional \$ 500.00

7. TAX COLLECTOR/TOWN CLERK

Selectmen and Budget Committee recommend \$22,500

8. TREASURER

Selectmen and Budget Committee recommend \$5,800

9. DEPUTY TAX COLLECTOR/CLERK

Selectmen and Budget Committee recommend \$2,000 *Amended to \$4,000.*

10. CODE ENFORCEMENT & PLUMBING INSPECTOR

Selectmen and Budget Committee recommend \$1,700 plus fees.

11. ANIMAL CONTROL OFFICER

Selectmen and Budget Committee recommend \$1,800 plus fees.

12. ELECTIONS

Selectmen and Budget Committee recommend \$2,500.00

13. REGISTER OF VOTERS

Selectmen and Budget Committee recommend \$1,500.00

14. COMPUTER FEES

Selectmen and Budget Committee recommend \$2,400

15. MUNICIPAL BUILDINGS MAINTENANCE RESERVE ACCOUNT

Selectmen and Budget Committee recommend \$4,000

16. MUNICIPAL BUILDINGS HEAT

Selectmen and Budget Committee recommend \$13,000

Article 6: To see what sum the Town will raise and appropriate by taxation for PROTECTION.

*Andy Davis motioned to accept as recommended by Selectmen, Michael Golden seconded.*

*Michael Golden motioned to amend Section 6 to \$9,100, Andy Davis seconded. Amendment passed 62-0. Motion passed 64-1.*

1. STREET LIGHTS

Selectmen and Budget Committee recommend \$8,000

2. HYDRANT RENTAL

Selectmen and Budget Committee recommend \$17,886

3. FIRE CHIEF

Selectmen and Budget Committee recommend \$6,000

4. FIRE DEPARTMENT

Selectmen and Budget Committee recommend \$20,000 plus reimbursements

5. FIRE TRUCK RESERVE ACCOUNT

Selectmen and Budget Committee recommend \$3,000

6. WORKER COMPENSATION INSURANCE

Selectmen recommend \$9,400 and Budget Committee recommends \$9,000 (new information came in after the Budget Meeting) *Amended to \$9,100*

7. UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE

Selectmen and Budget Committee recommend \$3,834

8. INSURANCE

Selectmen and Budget Committee recommend \$19,500

9. SOCIAL SECURITY AND MEDICARE

Selectmen and the Budget Committee recommends \$15,000

Article 7: To see what sum of money the Town will raise and appropriate by taxation for the HEALTH AND SANITATION.

*Michael Golden motioned to accept as recommended, Andy Davis seconded.*

*Motion passed 58-0.*

1. TRANSFER STATION

Selectmen and Budget Committee recommend \$60,000 plus fees & income

2. TRANSFER STATION TRUCK AND EQUIPMENT RESERVE ACCOUNT

Selectmen and Budget Committee recommend \$3,000

Article 8: To see what sum of money the Town will raise and appropriate by taxation for PUBLIC WORKS.

1. WINTER ROADS

Selectmen and Budget Committee recommend \$81,000 plus reimbursements

2. SUMMER ROADS

Selectmen and Budget Committee recommend \$77,000 plus reimbursements

3. MAINTENANCE OF HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT EQUIPMENT

Selectmen and Budget Committee recommend \$7,000

4. HIGHWAY EQUIPMENT RESERVE ACCOUNT

Selectmen and Budget Committee recommend \$12,900

5. GRAVEL ROADS MAINTENANCE

Selectmen and Budget Committee recommend \$17,000

6. STREET NAME SIGN RESERVE ACCOUNT

Selectmen and Budget Committee recommend \$200

Article 9: To see what sum of money the Town will raise and appropriate by taxation for SOCIAL SERVICES.

1. GENERAL ASSISTANCE

Selectmen and Budget Committee recommend \$21,520

2. KVCAP BUS SERVICE (requested \$400)

Selectmen and Budget Committee recommend \$400

3. FAMILY VIOLENCE PROJECT (requested \$1,625)

Selectmen and Budget Committee recommend \$400

4. HOSPICE (requested \$500)

Selectmen and Budget Committee recommend \$500

5. SPECTRUM GENERATIONS (requested \$760.00)

Selectmen and Budget Committee recommend \$760.00

6. KENNEBEC BEHAVIORAL HEALTH (requested \$1,100)

Selectmen and Budget Committee recommend \$500

7. CRISIS AND COUNSELING CENTERS (requested \$1,682.87)

Selectmen and Budget Committee recommend \$500

8. HEADSTART (requested \$1,500)

Selectmen and Budget committee recommend \$1,000

9. SOLON FOOD CUPBOARD (requested \$2,000)

Selectmen and Budget Committee recommend \$2,000 with the money given to the Solon Corner Market to be used at the discretion of the Solon Food Cupboard.

10. RED CROSS (requested \$100)

Selectmen and Budget Committee recommend \$100

Article 10: To see what sum of money the Town will raise and appropriate by taxation for DEBT SERVICE.

1. TRUCK LOAN PAYMENT

Selectmen and Budget Committee recommend \$14,000 by taxation.

2. SALT SHED LOAN PAYMENT

Selectmen and Budget Committee recommend \$9,900 by taxation.

3. 2009 ROAD PROJECT LOAN PAYMENT

Selectmen and Budget Committee recommend \$15,000 by taxation and \$49,000 from URIP funds.

4. FIRST PARK

Selectmen and Budget Committee recommend \$8,143.27 by taxation.

Article 11: To see what sum of money the Town will raise and appropriate by taxation for LEISURE SERVICES.

1. RECREATION PROGRAM  
Selectmen and Budget Committee recommend \$1,500 plus fees.
2. SWIM/CAMP PROGRAM  
Selectmen and Budget Committee recommend \$1,200 plus fees.
3. COOLIDGE LIBRARY RESERVE (\$10,500 requested)  
Selectmen and Budget Committee recommend \$10,500
4. COOLIDGE LIBRARY BUILDING CAPITAL RESERVE  
Selectmen and Budget Committee recommend \$3,000
5. AFTER SCHOOL PROGRAM RESERVE ACCOUNT (\$6,300 requested)  
Selectmen and Budget Committee recommend \$6,300
6. BAKER MOUNTAIN SKI CLUB (\$500 requested)  
Selectmen and Budget Committee recommend \$500

Article 12: To see what sum of money the Town will raise and appropriate by taxation for OTHER SERVICES.

1. HUMANE SOCIETY (requested \$1,316.25)  
Selectmen recommend \$1,316.25 and Budget Committee recommends \$1,250 (requested amount came in after the Budget Meeting)
2. CEMETERIES  
Selectmen and Budget Committee recommend \$8,500
3. KENNEBEC VALLEY COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS (requested \$1,557)  
Selectmen and Budget Committee recommend \$1,557
4. SOMERSET ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT (requested \$100)  
Selectmen and Budget Committee recommend \$100
5. EVERGREEN CEMETERY STONE MAINTENANCE RESERVE  
Selectmen and Budget Committee recommend \$3,500
6. TOWN LINE SURVEY RESERVE  
Selectmen and Budget Committee recommend \$2,000
7. UPPER KENNEBEC VALLEY CHAMBER OF COMMERCE (requested \$1,000)  
Selectmen and Budget Committee recommend \$100

Article 13: To see if the Town will raise and appropriate by taxation a sum of money to repave Brooks St., Cross St., Falls Rd., Pleasant St., School St., and York St.

Selectmen and Budget Committee recommend raising \$120,000 with any remaining balance to be put in a Sidewalk Repair Reserve Account to be used for the repair of the town's sidewalks.

Article 14: If Article 13 fails, to see if the Town will raise and appropriate by taxation a sum of money for the Road Paving Reserve Account.

If Article 13 passed, the Selectmen and Budget Committee recommend that this article be withdrawn.

If Article 13 failed, the Selectmen and Budget Committee recommend raising \$120,000 by taxation.

Article 15: To see if the Town will authorize the purchase of a used Grader and will raise and appropriate funds for the purchase of the Grader.

Selectmen and Budget Committee recommend Yes and to raise \$92,000 in the following manner: \$45,500 from the Highway Equipment Reserve Account balance as of 1/1/12, \$12,900 from the 2012 appropriation for the Highway Equipment Reserve Account, \$8,995.69 from FEMA funds, \$24,000 by taxation and the \$604.31 from Summer Roads. Also to sell the old grader and put the revenue from the sale into the Highway Equipment Reserve Account along with any funds left over from the purchase of a used Grader.

Article 16: If Article 15 fails, to see if the Town will raise and appropriate by taxation a sum of money for the Subcontract grading of our roads.

If Article 15 passed, the Selectmen and Budget Committee recommend that this article be withdrawn.

If Article 15 failed, the Selectmen and Budget Committee recommend raising \$20,000 by taxation.

Article 17: To see if the Town will change the name of the Evergreen Cemetery Stone Maintenance Reserve Account to the Cemetery Maintenance Reserve Account and allow the funds to be used for maintenance of the grave stones and cemetery grounds other than routine grounds keeping.

Selectmen and Budget Committee recommend Yes

Article 18: To see if the Town will authorize the Selectmen to dispose of tax acquired property belonging to Pamela Hanscom for non-payment of 2009 property taxes. The property taxes for 2009 (\$717.60), 2010 (\$764.50) and 2011 (\$797.50) plus interest and lien costs are owed on the property. The property is located at 135 North Main Street, Map U1 Lot 25.

Selectmen and Budget Committee recommend giving the Ms. Hanscom until March 23, 2012 at 3:45 pm to pay the 2009, 2010 and 2011 real estate taxes, interests and costs plus any other associated costs. If this amount is not paid the Selectmen will put the property out to bid, set a minimum bid amount and will sell the property to the highest bidder.

Article 19: To see if the Town will authorize the Selectmen to dispose of tax acquired property belonging to Robert & Margaret Sousa for non-payment of 2009 property taxes. The property taxes for 2009 (\$1,449.00), 2010 (\$1,459.50) and 2011 (\$1,522.50) plus interest and lien costs are owed on the property. The property is located on the 70 South Shore Drive, Map R3 Lots 19B and 20B.

Selectmen and Budget Committee recommend giving the Sousas until March 23, 2012 at 3:45 pm to pay the 2009, 2010 and 2011 real estate taxes, interests and costs plus any other associated costs. If this amount is not paid the Selectmen will put the property out to bid, set a minimum bid amount and will sell the property to the highest bidder.

Article 20: To see if the Town wants to install a street light at the intersection of Overlook Lane and Route 201.

Selectmen and Budget Committee recommend No

Article 21: To see if the town will vote to authorize the municipal officers to make final determinations regarding the closing and opening of roads to winter maintenance pursuant to 23 M.R.S.A Section 2953.

Selectmen and Budget Committee recommend Yes.

Article 22: To see if the Town will authorize the municipal officers to apply for, accept and expend grant money available from the State, Federal government or other organization for any public purpose when they deem it to be in the town's best interest and any needed matching funds are available within the current budget.

Selectmen and Budget Committee recommend Yes.

Article 23: To see if the Town will give the Selectmen and/or the Fire Chief permission to apply for, accept and expend any grants to purchase equipment, fire fighting equipment and safety equipment for the Fire Department.

Selectmen and Budget Committee recommend Yes.

Article 24: To see if the Town will accept the following tax related articles:

1. To see if the Town will authorize the Tax Collector and Treasurer to apply any property tax overpayment of less than \$20 to that person's the next year's property taxes.
2. To see the Town will vote to authorize the Tax Collector or Treasurer to accept prepayments of taxes not yet committed pursuant to 36 M.R.S A Section 506.
3. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate from the overlay to pay tax abatements and applicable interest granted during the fiscal year 2012.
4. To see if the town shall use any surplus funds in excess of \$80,000.00 to reduce taxes.
5. To see if the town shall authorize the Selectmen to procure a Tax Anticipation Note (TAN) for the purpose of paying municipal indebtedness; such note to be repaid during the current fiscal year from taxes paid during the municipal year.

Selectmen and Budget Committee recommend Yes.

Article 25: To see if the town shall set September 15, 2012 as the date when all unpaid taxes become interest bearing at the rate to be set by the State. (Rate being 7%)

Selectmen and Budget Committee recommend Yes.

Article 26: If the Town accepts Article 25-2, what, if any, interest shall the Town pay on these prepaid taxes? (If the Town votes to pay interest, it cannot be more than 7%.)

Selectmen and Budget Committee recommend 0%.

Article 27: To see if the town will vote to set the interest rate to be paid by the town on abated taxes pursuant to 36 M.R.S.A. Section 506-A

Selectmen and Budget Committee Yes and at a rate of 0%.

Given under my hand this 8<sup>th</sup> day of February A.D., 2012,

Elaine Aloes, Chair of Selectmen

Mary Lou Ridley, Selectman

Sarah Davis, Selectman



Attest true copy: Barbara Maden, Town Clerk

Pursuant to within warrant, I have hereby notified and warned the inhabitants of the Town of Solon, qualified by law to vote in town affairs, to assemble at the Solon Elementary School on the third day of March AD 2012 at eight o'clock in the morning then and there in accordance with the Revised Statutes of the State of Maine, 1964, Title 30, Paragraph 2051 and seq. or as amended to act on all articles herein enumerated in this warrant posted at the Solon Town Office, Solon Post Office, Solon Corner Store, Solon Superette and Griswold's Store, conspicuous and public places within Solon, on the 23rd day of February AD 2012, which is at least seven days prior to the Annual Town Meeting. Dianna Rollins, a resident of Solon.